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E-Legislative Update

January 21 - 27, 2013



Today marks the beginning of the second week of the legislative session. In this stage of the legislative process, bills are being referred to committees. A bill has a public hearing before Senate and House committees prior to being considered on the floor of the House and Senate. Your opportunity to testify on a bill comes at the committee hearings.

If you cannot appear before a committee you can [contact your legislator](#) making your position on a bill known. You

can do so by writing a letter, sending an e-mail, calling the legislator's Olympia office, or by calling the Legislative Hotline at 1-800-562-6000.

Because the state budget is an overarching issue, the Commission on Asian Pacific American Affairs will provide updates on important milestones in budget development as well as focus on bills that impact the Asian American and Pacific Islander community in the areas of education, health care, human services, economic development, and immigration.

The Commission on Asian Pacific American Affairs will be providing information weekly through our e-legislative update and website on committee hearings, bills, and other events of interest throughout the legislative session. Our e-legislative update provides a general overview highlighting a few bills of interest to the community while our website hosts a more extensive list of bills utilizing a [bill tracking](#) feature for those community members seeking more information. Highlights from the previous week can be viewed on [TVW's](#) Legislative Review.

Below are some scheduled meetings and hearings that might be of interest to you.

Education

Higher Education

01/23/13 1:30 pm

House Full Committee

House Hearing Rm A

John L. O'Brien Building

Olympia, WA

Public Hearing: [HB 1048](#) - Regarding higher education governance.

Law & Justice

01/25/13 8:00 am

Senate Full Committee
Senate Hearing Rm 1
J.A. Cherberg Building
Olympia, WA

Public Hearing: [SJR 8203](#) - Amending the state Constitution to allow a reasonable suspicion standard in certain searches of students on school grounds.

Health Care and Human Services

Human Services & Corrections

1/21/2013 10:00 a.m.

Senate Full Committee
Senate Hearing Rm 1
J.A. Cherberg Building
Olympia, WA

Public Hearing: Limiting use of public assistance benefits [S-0582].

Health Care

01/22/13 10:00 am

Senate Full Committee
Senate Hearing Rm 4
J.A. Cherberg Building
Olympia, WA

Work Session: Medicaid expansion:

1. Overview of Medicaid as it exists today.
2. Overview of Medicaid expansion - population and estimated costs.

Ways & Means

01/23/13 3:30 pm

Senate Full Committee
Senate Hearing Rm 4
J.A. Cherberg Building
Olympia, WA

Work Session: Low-income health care.

Commerce & Labor**01/25/13 8:00 am**

Senate Full Committee
Senate Hearing Rm 2
J.A. Cherberg Building
Olympia, WA

Public Hearing: S-0084.1 - Repealing the family and medical leave insurance act.

Economic Development**Community Development, Housing & Tribal Affairs****01/23/13 8:00 am**

House Full Committee
House Hearing Rm E
John L. O'Brien Building
Olympia, WA

Public Hearing: [HB 1079](#) - Regarding economic revitalization in urban growth areas. (If measure is referred to committee.)

Labor & Workforce Development**01/23/13 8:00 am**

House Full Committee
House Hearing Rm D
John L. O'Brien Building
Olympia, WA

Public Hearing:

1. [HB 1025](#) - Extending the application of prevailing wage requirements.
2. [HB 1026](#) - Requiring use of resident workers on public works.
3. [HB 1072](#) - Creating the agricultural labor skills and safety grant program.

Commerce & Labor**01/23/13 1:30 pm**

Senate Full Committee
Senate Hearing Rm 2
J.A. Cherberg Building
Olympia, WA

Public Hearing: S-0348.1 - Addressing compensation for injured workers.

Budget

Capital Budget

01/21/13 1:30 pm

House Full Committee

House Hearing Rm B

John L. O'Brien Building

Olympia, WA

Public Hearing:

1. [HB 1088](#) - Concerning state general obligation bonds and related accounts.
2. [HB 1089](#) - Adopting the 2013-2015 capital budget.

Information is current as of: January 22, 2013.

To find out more information on a particular bill, please visit <http://www.leg.wa.gov>.

CAPAA was established by the state legislature in 1974 to improve the well-being of Asian Pacific Americans (APAs) by insuring their access to participation in the fields of government, business, education, and other areas. It has a board made up of 12-governor appointed members that represent the diverse APA communities of Washington State.

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